VICTIM OF A MOCK AUCTION.

HOW A SYRACUSE MAN WAS SWINDLED. ESCAPING THE "BANCO STEERERS" TO FALL INTO

William Chase, a prosperous mill owner of Syracuse, N. Y., was in the city last week looking after a patent for an invention in which he was interested. Before he left town he went to Police Headquarters and to the Mayor's office to complain about New-York swindlers. Soon after he came to the city Mr. Chase was met in Broadway near Chambers-st. by a "banco steerer." and halled as "Mr. Brown of Buffalo." Mr. Chase had read in Thie Tributure accounts of the operations of the swindling fraternity and he understood what the man was fishing for, but he thought he would have some amusement. So he said: "You are mistaken, my friend, my name is Chase and my home is in Syracuse." The stranger apologized and Mr. Chase kindly volunteered other information about himself. Soon after they had separated Mr. Chase was not surprised when another dapper young man, probably "Hungry Joe," met him and shouted: "Why, Mr. Chase, how are you! I suppose you are down here on some business connected with your mill." The young man went on to say that he was the son of a Syracuse physician and knew Mr. Chase only by sight. Mr. Chase suffered himself to be led into a bar-room, but when friends of the physician's son proposed "a little game" he arose and said: "Now, boys, you doubtless think your-selves very smart, but we know a thing or two down in Syracuse, and you'll have to look further for a flat." He was permitted to depart in peace.

On Thursday Mr. Chase went into a Broadway auction room where several innocent looking men were bidding for cigars. He did not dream that a swindle could be perpetrated in sacen a public place and he vielded to temptation when one of the supposed buyers said to him: "These cigars are going at a ridiculously low figure, considering their quality. I have purchased several cases already and I would gladly take more if I had the ready coash." ANOTHER TRAP.

The glib-tongued anctioneer at that moment had before him a case of twelve boxes of cigars, "warranted to be imported Henry Clays," on which he called for a bid. Mr Chase bid \$2.50 and the case was knocked down to him at that figure. When he handed up a \$10 bank note, expecting to get change, the cashier blandly said;
"Twenty dollars more, please."
"You bid \$2.50 a box for twelve, boxes, That's just \$30."

inst \$30.00 m. That's past the first should be supported by the cashier was right. A light then broke upon the victim of the swindle. A light then broke upon the victim of the swindle. He examined the cigars more closely and saw that they were of the cheapest kind. The cashier refused to return the \$10 and Mr. Chase was unable to make a compromise for the loss of a pertion of that sum. He went to Police Headquarters, but there he was informed that the swindlers were protected by an auctioneer's license, and that he must apply at the Mayor's office for redress. At the City Hall he was told that if he would make a complaint an investigation would be made. Mr. Chase could not afford to stay in the city to press a charge before the Mayor, so he went away on Friday, congratulating himself on the small amount of his loss.

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There is a possibility that a dead-lock will follow the meeting of the new Board of Aldermen in January somewhat similar to that which preceded the election of Alderman Sauer as president in 1881. The candidate of the Tammany Aldermen-elect is William G. Kirk, and of the County Democracy members John O'Neill. The Tammany members claim the president and clerk. The County Democracy members say they will give them the president, provided, in turn, the clerk and deputy clerk are conceded to the County Democracy. Or they will take the presidency and concede the clerk and deputy clerk to Tammany Hall. Tammany Hall bases its demand on the fact that it elected one more Alderman than the County Democracy. Their Democratic opponents retort that Alderman Kirk was re-elected by a bare majority of two, and by the appointment of Alderman-elect Crother as Fire Commissioner the unaber is now equal. There have been attempts to bring about an understanding, but thus far without result. It was unstood at one time that a caucus of the Democratic members would be held on Monday, but this has been abandoned until after Christmas.

The Republican Aldermen-elect have held no meeting so far; nor have they agreed on a candidate. It is among the possibilities that a Republican President may be chosen by a combination with either the Tammany or County Democracy members, although no overtures have been made by either side. During the coming week the Republican members-elect will probably hold an informal meeting and agree on a course of action. It will probably be decided to wait and see what conclusion their political opponents may reach.

The new Board consists of eight Republicans, seven Tammany Democrats, and there is one vacancy.

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Everybody who was handling the reins yesterday was satisfied with the Bridge readways. They were carefully and lavishly sprunkled with sand, so that the hoofs of the horses and the wheels of the vehicles had fair bold. With due consideration for the sleighing parties, a sufficient amount of snow was thrown there. The toll-takers at each end said that there was a fair amount of team traffic, and a number of sleighs early in the morning and late in the evening. On the promenade the planking was entirely free from ice or snow, and was sanded. On the asphalt parts a light coating of snow, which many feet had converted into ice, was left purposely, but was sanded. This was done because it has been found that asphalt cannot be completely freed frem snow; the most vigorous brushing simply covers it with a thin film which is exceedingly slippery and would make the promenade impassable to pedestrians. The air was so keen and biting in soite of the sunshine that few persons cared to traverse the Bridge on foot, and the cars were patronized freely. The Paine gri is still in use, and is likely to continue so. here was a trial of the Mathesius grip to oblige the inventor. Its merits are recognized, but the property of the sunshine that for the San Francisco grip, but the property is that of the San Francisco grip, but the property is that of the San Francisco grip, but the property of the San Francisco grip. The Paine griss still in use, and is likely to continue so. here was a trial of the Mathesius grip to oblige the inventor. Its merits are recognized, but its principle is that of the san Francisco grip, and it has the defect of being hard upon the cable, "the ears are not yet heated." "The ears must be heated wishout further delay," are remarks made alond be hundreds of people; but the trustees do not seem to be in a hurry, nor have they yet selected the system which they intend to adopt.

Anchael supple, who was adjusting the electric light at the Brooklyn end of the Bridge about 4.30 p. m., fell from the pole, a height of about 16 feet. It is chest came in contact with the stone coping of the Bridge. He was taken into the Bridge Police Station and examined, and it was discovered that one of his ribs on the left side was broken.

THE ACADEMY OF DESIGN OPEN TO-DAY.

T. Addison Richards, the Corresponding Secretary of the Academy of Design, said yesterday that in spite of all protests, the persons who had leased the rooms for the brica-a-brac exhibition in aid of the Pedestal Fund were determined to open the exhibition to the public on Sunday. "We are resolved not to fight about the matter," he said, "although we have been advised by eminent lawyers that they hade not legally the right to use the rooms on Sunday, and that they could be stopped by an injunction, which would readily be granted if applied for by any Academician. But we are satisfied to remonstrate and to leave with them the means of acting in clear violation of our rights and our wishes. Let the shame of their work be with them. We wash our hands of the matter, believing it to be our duty not to plunge into war, nor to resort to violent measures.

"Their agreement was to lease the rooms until December 30, which would make Saturday the last day of exhibition. Hopkinson Smith has said since that it is his intention to lease the rooms for Monday and New Year's Day. I told him that the Artists' Fund Society must positively have the big room on Wednesday morning, and he agreed that the contents of that room should be shifted on Tuesday night." THE ACADEMY OF DESIGN OPEN TO-DAY.

AGREEING TO AN OIL UNION.

The vote taken in the New-York Petroleum Exchange yesterday on the question of consolidation with the Mining Exchange resulted as follows: Yeas, 269; nays, 250; majority in favor, 19. The result was received with cheers by the members of the Exchange when it was announced. Details of the plan of union will be arranged hereafter by committees of the two boards. The agitation for the consolidation was begun in November by George R. Gibson, who received warm support from such prominent members of the New-York Exchange as Hilton & Waugh, J. L. Authony, Frank Kimball, E. K. Willard, H. L. Horton, S. V. White, Livingston Roc and George H. Lincoln, It was bitterly opposed by the oil region members of the Exchange, and the closeness of the vote shows how energetically both sides pursued their campaign. The New-York Mining Stock and National Petroleum Exchange cast a large vote in favor of the consolidation. The vote taken in the New-York Petroleum Ex-

FEARS OF A TYPHUS EPIDEMIC.

Fears of another outbreak of typhus fever in this Fears of another outbreak of typhus fever in this city have been felt in the Sanitary Bureau on account of the sickness of Hugh and Ann Donohue, brother and sister, who were removed from the tenement house No. 143 Mulberry-st, to the Riverside Hospital a week ago. They both died from typhus fever after they had been in the hospital a slort time, and the physicians said that they had the most virulent form of the disease. Three members of the Donohue family still live in the rooms where the brother and sister were attacked with the fover, and about twenty other families live in the house and the one adjoining in the rear. Near the bouses is the Colored Grammar School No. 1. Sanitary Superintendent Day has caused the houses to be funnigated twice since the Donohues were removed, and he has directed that a closs watch be kept upon the inmates until the expiration of three weeks, when the danger from the contagion

is past. It is believed that some vagrant who had a raild form of the fever had been allowed to sleep in

ROUGH EXPERIENCES AT SEA.

The brig Ambrose Light, commanded by Captain Curtis, which arrived from Santa Cruz yesterday reports meeting Northwestern and Northeastern winds which caused dangerous cross seas. Several sails were blown away and everything movable was washed off the deck. On December 19 while ten miles north of Barnegat the brig was taken in tew by the tug Luther C. Ward, but almost immediately the latter asked to be let loose, as her engines had broken down. The tug failed to send the assistance which its captain promised, and the Ambrose Light drifted about in danger of striking a lee shore for forty-eight hours. Finally another tug came to her aid. ROUGH EXPERIENCES AT SEA.

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The schooner E. R. Chester, from Charleston, under Captain Taylor, lost her foremasthead and foresail during a severe storm off the coast of New-Jersey on last Wednesday. She was compelled to come to anchor while drifting toward Squan Beach, but on Friday a tug came to her assistance.

The schooner Annie Bell, Captain Thomas, from Arceibo and bound for Boston sprung, a dangerous leak off Cape Hatteras on December 15, and was compelled to put into this port for repairs. On the same day the schooner Susie P. Oliver, Captain Snare, reports that she lost her deck load of \$0,000 feet of lumber in the gale.

THE REMOVAL OF ICE IN THE STREETS

Alderman Cochrane, at the meeting of the Board yesterday, presented a long report and resolution providing for the passage of an ordinance compelling the owners of unoccupied houses, buildings of any kind, or lots of land, to remove ice, snow or frozen ram from the sidewalks in front of these premises, under a penalty of \$30, and a further penalty of \$10 for each day that the snow and ice are allowed to remain. Alderman O'Neil said that he was more in favor of compelling the big corporations to clean the snow from their tracks. The surface railroad companies after every storm sent out their snow plonghs and the snow was thrown on the walks, and even into cellars and stores. The matter was laid over to the next meeting.

Alderman Foley introduced a resolution prohibiting the use of saud and salt on the tracks of the surface railroad companies in the city. He declared that it was defrimental to health. Alderman Fitzpatrick declared that the prevalence of diphtheria was due to this reprehensible practice. Alderman Jachne declared that the railroad companies had no right to foul the streets with sand and dirt. The matter was finally laid over. THE REMOVAL OF ICE IN THE STREETS

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THE REV. MR. KIMBALL'S DISTRIBUTION

A large crowd gathered around the front steps of
the City Hall yesterday. It was apparently composed of persons wretchedly poor. They had
gathered in anticipation of a distribution of
the necessaries of life by the Rev. Henry Kimball,
He is an elderly man, with white hair, and a voice
which has increased in volume by his opet-air exhortations to sinners for many years past from the
steps of the City Hall and other points of vantage.
Ever since the cold weather began he has on each
Wednesday and Saturday distributed from the
steps of the City Hall a quantity of crackers, cheese
and flour to needy applicants. Yesterday the
articles given away were greater in volume than
before. Mr. Kimball distributed 200 large loaves
of bread, half a barrel of rice, half a barrel of flour,
and half a barrel of corn need. Many poor persons
who would have otherwise passed a cheerless sunday are certain of at least three good meals "God
bless ye: "May ye were want a bit or sup yerself,"
and similar explanations were rained upon the
giver by the multitude.

NEW FOLICE TELEPHONE FACILITIES. THE REV. MR. KIMBALL'S DISTRIBUTION

NEW POLICE TELEPHONE FACILITIES. The following general order, No. 259, was issued to the police-captains by Superintendent Walling, yesterday:

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Telephene communication has been established between Police Headquarters and the Flevated Hailroad Stations corner Heaston-st, and Bowery, Bleeckerst, and South Fifth-ave. Those stations connect with all the stations on elevated roads, east and west. You will instruct the members of your command that, when any accident occurs requiring ambulance service in the vicibity of the Elevated stations, to proceed at once to the nearest (should such station be nearer than the precinct station), or such by messenger, and notify the text-special to transmit the same te Police Headquarters, should any interruption exist preventing the transmission of the nessage over the elevated railroad wires, the officer will immediately report the case at his station house as heretofere. If the invessage is transmitted over the elevated railroad wires, the officer will report all circumstances of the case to his station house as soon as possible.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES,

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Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Lenox Belinap, treasurer of the Northern Pacific Railroad, formerly chief-of-staff to General Ward, has presented a valuable trophy to be competed for by the different companies in the First Brigade. It will be awarded to that company making the brighest average "present for duty" for the ensuing year, and will become the absolute property of the company to which it may be awarded the third time.

Companies A and C of the 71st Regiment will be reviewed by Colonel Vose on January 11, and a ball and reception will follow in his honor. The efforts of the members of this regiment to discover the new company to be mustered into this command have been so far futile.

HOME NEWS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Arrests last week, 1,344; births, 545; deaths,

The fair for the Working Girls' Vacation Fund held last week in Horticultural Hall cleared \$2,646. Henry Graham Hillen, of the firm of E. J. Denning & Co., arrived on the Celtic from Europe. The new Western Union Building in Broad-st.

Prayer-meetings after the Fulton-st. model are held every evening in the Middle Dutch Church in Lafayette-place.

Stephen Ireland, age sixty, was ki'led yesterday by an accidental fall at his home, No. 161 East

Collector Robertson was not at the Custom House yesterday. He will move into winter quarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel next week.

The Maritime Exchange subscription for the families of the pilots and crew of the pilot-boat Columbia No. 8 now amounts to \$5,677.

The Yale Alumni Association will hold their econd social meeting this season on December 28 at Delmonico's.

At the Brower House last evening Register Docharty was presented by the attaches of his office with a set of handsomely engrossed and framed

The Rending Room of the Young Men's Christian association, at 4th-ave and 23d-st., contains 475 curnals. The library numbers over 26,000 vol-

The Rapid Transit Commissioners yesterday dis-enssed the propriety of taking immediate action on the question of increased rapid transit facilities, and adjourned to Monday.

A TATTOOED CITIZEN.

Captain Costentenus, the tattooed man, a native f Greece, secured his naturalization papers yester-

AGREEING TO RESPECT THE EXCISE LAW. The Liquor Dealers' Association of the Eighteenth Precinct yesterday agreed to respect the excise law by closing on Sandays. No one who will not agree to this will be allowed in the Association.

TWO NEW INSURANCE BUILDINGS. The rapid progress of the immense new building of the Mutual Life, in Nassua-st., and of the much smaller but handsome structure of the Williamsburg Fire Insurance Company, at Liberty-st. and dway, attract much attention,

TAMMANY PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR. The Tanuaray Committee on Organization yes-terday agreed to hold the primaries for the new General Committee on January 5. The General Committee will meet for organization on January 12.

A YOUTHFUL CRIMINAL AT HIS OLD TRICKS. James Costello, age sixteen, an old offender, was yesterday taken to the Tombs Police Court charged with attempting to steal a watch from David L. Evans, a stock operator, of No. 11 Waverly-piace, on Friday. He was held in \$1,000 bail to answer the charge, and in \$300 for assaulting Officer Gick.

Boston, Philadelphia, Charieston, Savannah and New Orleans will send delegations from their best military organizations to take part in the march and drill of the Old Guard in their hall on Thursday evening, January 10, in the Metropolitan O, cra

SURPRISING A TEACHER. A number of pupils of Professor George H. Wallace and sister, who conduct dancing classes at the Grand Opera House, and at the Association Hall, Harlem, yesterday surprised them with Christmas presents consisting of a unique writing desk, music box, toilet sets, vases, bronzes, epergues, paintings,

SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY INSTITUTIONS SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY INSTITUTIONS.
Bids were made yesterday at the office of the
Commissioners of Charities and Correction for the
contract to furnish supplies to the Department in
1884. There were officers to furnish beefsteak at 14
cents a pound, roasting piecec at 16 cents, mutton at
7 cents, pork and yeal at 12 cents, peultry at 20
cents, tresh fish at \$3 14 per 100 pounds, and coal
or \$4.38 a ten. at \$4 38 a ton.

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THE NEEDS OF WARD'S AND RANDALL'S ISLANDS.

The Fire Commissioners yesterday held a special meeting and adopted resolutions declaring that there can be no adequate protection from hire on Ward's and Randau's islands until they are connected by a bridge or ferry, and brought within reach of a fully equipped fire engine company to be stationed on either one of them.

BOXES FOR THE CHARITY.

The Charity Ball will be held on Thursday, January 3. in the Metropolitan Opera House. Boxes

may be benght from Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, No. 8
East 29th-st., between eleven and one o'clock. The
sale has been brisk. Only three of the parterre
boxes remain unsold, and the first tier boxes will soon be all engaged.

CAUGHT WHILE STEALING A BRACELET. Samuel Newman, aims Goldstein, an expert thief, went into Kirkpatrick's jewelry store at Broadway and Twenty-second-st. on Friday afternoon, and asked to look at some diamonds. He managed to steal a bracelet worth \$450, and was leaving the store with it when he was arrested by Detective McCluskey, who had been watching him.

THE TEXTILE MICROSCOPIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Textile Microscopic Association was held yesterday at the Manhattan Hotel, at Broadway and Canal-st. Twenty-one microscopes and numerous small lenses, cut by S. Hawkridge, R. & J. Beck, James W. Queen & Co. and Bansch & Lamb, were placed in the room with the various specimens of fibre on exhibition for the purpose of testing them.

Mrs. Louise Coty yesterday morning left the Tombs, accompanied by her lawyer, Louis Mathol, and Deputy Sheriff Brown, and was put on board the steamer Belgenland of the Red Star Line, bound for Marseifles, France, her native place. The deputy sheriff and the lawyer remained on the pier until the steamer started, to see that Mrs. Coty did not come ashore at the last moment.

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Miss Lillie Sinnott, daughter of Nicholas J.
Sinnott, who was shot at her father's house,
No. 328 West Thirty-fourthest, on Friday, of
by Sarah Clancy, a servant, was said to be out of
danger yesterday. The servant was arraigned in
Jefferson Market Police Court, but no one appeared
against her and she was discharged. The young
woman's mother, who saw the shooting, and states
that it was purely accidental, also discharged her.

SECUENIS BAIL ATTER TEN WEEKS.

securing Ball after Ten Weeks.

John S. Maxwell, the Ohio miller who was charged with having attempted to counterfeit United States notes, was admitted to ball yesterday by Commissioner Shields. He went to Charles Kress, a lithographer employed by Lovejoy & Co., and asked what it would cost to engrave plates from some photographs of Treasury notes carried by him, Mr. Kress made a complaint, and Maxwell was arrested on October 10.

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MR. BECKHARD'S SERVICES NOT REQUIRED.
Deputy-Marshal Bernhard was requested a few days ago to arrest Carl Frederick Schuberth, who it was said, 'ad taken passage to this country after cutting the threat of Marie Weber, his sweetheart, in Zochen, Saxouy. A warrant was granted by Commissioner Osborne. Mr. Bernhard was informed yesterday by cable that the alleged murderer had been captured in Germany as he was about to take passage by the steamer Edam.

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THE HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM.

The American Museum of Natural History will be open free to the public on Christmas and New-Year's Day. Many striking additions of the rarer animals and birds of the United States have been made during the last few weeks, and the labelling of the collections has perceptibly advanced. The Museum is now connected with the Park by a picturesque stone bridge just finished at Seventy-seventh-st. and Eighteenth-ave. Many of the visitors both in carriages and on foot avail themselves of this pleasant route in going to and from the Museum through the Park.

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SOUVENIRS OF WIMBLEDON.

The council of the English Rifle Association have presented the Wimbledon bars, 1883, to the American team as a souvenir of their visit to Wimbledon. Secretary Edmond St. Mildmay wrote; "The tramber of bars is twenty-one; two being intended for the two hadies who honored us with their presence," The bars are in the form of a small epanlette, two and one-half inches long, by one and one-fourth inches wide; the enter edge is of blue cloth about one-eighth inch wide, on which is set a red cloth raised pad about one inch in width, surrounded by a border of gold cord. Inside of the border in gold cord letters and figures are the words "Wimbledon, 1883." This souvenir is constructed so as to be sewed on the sleeve of the soldier's dress-coat.

BROOKLYN.

Permits for the crection of 33 new buildings were granted last week. The police made 418 arrests. Mayor Low yesterday approved the resolution permitting Henry Hamilton to run a line of stages

The new Washington Skating Park at Fifth-ave, and Third-st, was opened yesterday afternoon. Good accommodations for skaters are provided.

Chief of Police Campbell has issued an order for holding snow-balling in the streets. That this will give an added zest to the sport on the part of the small boy is generally conceded.

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Michael Sinnot, steward of the Kings County Insane Asylum, was discharged yesterday by the Charities Commissioners. Sinnot some time ago charged Dr. Shaw, the superintendent, with removing county property to his house.

william Mandeville, of Quincy-st., caused the arrest of Deacon Patterson, of the Janes Methodist
Episcopal Church, for assault and battery, and yesterday Patterson pleaded not guilty before Justice
Marsey, and the case will come up to-morrow.
Mandeville says that Patterson is a meddlesome and
"hossy" fellow, and ordered him out of the room
where the Ladies' Aid Society of the churchayas
holding a fair to raise money for a new building.
He refused to go, and Patterson put him out
forcibly.

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A conference was held in the Mayor's office yesterday between Mayor Low, Corporation Counsel Taylor, and Messrs, Lowery and Johnson, counsel for the Kings County Elevated Railway Company. The latter submitted resolutions to the Mayor, and he suggested modifications of them which were agreed to by counsel. He states that he wishes it understood that he stands uncommitted on the nerits of the question, and will remain so until the resolutions come before him from the Board of Aldermen. NEW-TERSEY.

RED BANK.—A newspaper to be called *The Red Bank Independent* will be started here on January S, by Charles Du Bois. A new paper is also to be published at Atlantic Highlands soon, it is said, in the interests of the Atlantic Highlands Association.

MATAWAN.-The story published in The New York MATAWAN.—The story published in The New York Times yesterday morning describing an examination of the thieves, who were arrested here recently, before Judge Walling at Freehold, as well as the reported conversation with General Charles traight, the Public Prosecutor, is entirely without foundation. General (raight told a Francisc reporter that no examination had been held ner had he any talk with a Times recorder, and expressed himself indignant that he was credited with saying what was published in The Times.

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SOUTH AMROY.—In 1835 a survey of the town was made by John Perrine, taking the further boundary line at the old Camden and Amboy Railroad on the banks of the Raritan River. In 1840 a new survey was made. A. J. Disbrow did the work. He began in the centre of the town, according to the first survey, and found that to be correct, Recently, at the request of the principal property owners, a new survey was ordered, and this makes both of the former surveys eight feet out of the way. Edward Wallis lately purchased a portion of a town lot on which a house was erected, using the later measurement as the boundary. By the old survey the property projects eight feet on the land of William Disbrow. Two suits grew out of this and were pushed as test cases. Judge Scudter has sustained the last survey.

STATEN ISLAND.

John Dawson, an insane pauper at the Richmond County Almshouse, has not eaten any food for six-teen days. He is crazy upon the subject of abste-miousness, and continuously talks about Dr. Tan-ner, whom Dawson visited many times.

The Richmond County Game and Fish Protective Association has ordered 300 pairs of quad from Long island with which to restock the woodland and uncultivated parts of Staten Island. Volun-teers will be secured at various points to watch for, detect and arrest the pot-hunters hereafter.

CHELSEA.—Some person entered the factory of the American Linoleum Works one night last week and orened the valve of the linsed oil tank, caus expected and the act is supposed to have been committed by discharged employe. WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

White Plains.—An injunction was granted by Justice J. C. Dyckman yesterday, to restrain the Bankers & Merchants' Telegraph Company from constructing a line along the old Boston turnpike in front of the premises of James Myers, until they pay for the right of way.

HOME INTERESTS.

PRICES IN THE MARKETS.

A CHRISTMAS BOOM IN FIGURES-HIGH PRICES FOR GAME AND POULTRY.

The markets have presented scenes of bustle and activity during the week not equalled at any other season of the year. The natural consequence of the heavy pressure on the supplies of the marketmen has been a startling rise in prices. Those who bought early in the week did well, while those who postponed buying until yesterday paid fully 50 per cent more for their purchases. A comparison of the figures paid for game will give an idea of the drift of the market. Canvasback ducks, which sold a week ago for \$3 50 a pair, brought \$4 50 yesterday : English pheasants were \$1 a pair dearer yesterday than the week before; black ducks and mallards at \$1 a pair yesterday were 10 cents higher than in the previous week; grouse at \$1 25 pair were 12 cents dearer; and

in less proportion there was a sharp advance all along the line. Tame pigeons yesterday brought \$2 50 a dozen, wild pigeons \$1 50, tame squabs \$3 50, grass plover \$2 50, fresh plover \$3 50, quail \$2 50, and a half-dozen varieties of snipe 75 cents and \$1 a dozen. Partridges were \$1 50, prairie chickens \$1 25, and woodcock \$1 a pair. Squirrels sold for 30 cents and rabbits 75 cents a pair, while venison brought 20 cents and bear meat 25 cents a pound. Wild turkeys could be had at 25 and 28 cents a pound.

Poultry, which has been selling at low figures for the past month, advanced in price out of sympathy with the general rise in the market. Toward the close of the week many car loads of Bucks County turkeys that were fattened to meet the holiday demand reached the market and were sold, some of them as high as 22 cents a pound sold, some of them as high as 22 cents a pound wholesale. The retailer disposed of them easily at 25 and 28 cents. State and Jersey turkeys sold for 22 and 25 cents, and ducks went up to 22 cents a pound. Geese alone did not share in the rise for the reason that few people outside of the Hebrews cat these fowls regularly and they consume no more of them at Christmas than at other times. Boston geese brought 20 cents, and spring geese 18 cents a pound. Capons could be had for 28 and 35 cents; chickens, roasting size, 15 cents; city-dressed broilers 18 cents, Philadelphia broilers 20 cents, and Philadelphia dry-picked fowls 18 cents a pound.

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ago. Halibut costs 25 cents, red snapper 18 cents, and haddock 8 cents a pound.

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The new Washington Market is slowly assuming the semblance of a building, to the delight of every one whose necessity compels them to visit this mart in person. The builders have promised to finish the new market by January 15.

It is estimated that the apple crop this year is a quarter of a million barrels below that of hast year, A beef kidney was displayed in Washington Market yesterday which weighed 150 pounds. It is the largest on record.

MENTS

Tapioca Cream Soup.
Spanish Mackerel. Sauce Tartare.
Roast Turkey. Sweet Potatoes. Stewed Corn. Celery.
Macaroni an Jus.
Lettnee Mayonmise.
Cheese. Crackers.
Nesseirode Pudding. Cakes.

Honbous, Coffee. HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

TAPIOCA CHEAM SOUP, -One quart of white stock TAPIOCA CHEAM SOUP.—One quart of white stock; one pint of cream or milk; one onion; two stalks of celery; one-third of a cupful of tapioca; two cupfuls of cold water; one tablespoonful of butter; a small piece of mace; sait, pepper. Wash the tapioca and soak over night in cold water. Cook it and the stock together very gently for one hour. Cut the onion and celery into small pieces, and put on to cook for twenty minutes with the milk and mace. Strain on the tapioca and stock. Season with sail and pepper, add butter, and serve.

VACUT ONNER SOUP.—A quart of milk; one of

with salt and pepper, add butter, and serve.

YACHT OYSTER SOUP.—A quart of milk; one of oysters; a head of celery; a small onion; half a cupful of powdered cracker; one teaspoonful of Worcestershire same; a speck of cayenne; salt and pepper to taste. Chop onion and celery line, Put on to boil with milk for 20 minutes. Then strain, and add the butter, cracker, oyster liquor (which has been boiled and skimmed), and finally, the seasoning and oysters. Cook 3 minutes longer and serve.

FISH IN WHITE SAUCE.-Flake up cold boiled Fish in White Sauce.—Flake up cold boiled halibut and set the plate into the steamer, that the fish may heat without drying. Boil the bones and skin of the fish with a slice of onion and a very small piece of red pepper; a bit of this the size of a kernel of coffee will make the same quite as hot as most persons like it. Boil this stock down to half a pint; thicken with one teaspoonful of butter and one teaspoonful of flour, mixed together. Add one drop of extract of almond. Pour this sauce over your halibut and stick bits of parsley over it.

over it.

BEEF CROQUETTES.—One cup of lean beef; half a cup of the fat; half a cup of cold boiled or fried ham; a piece of onion as large as a silver dollar; one teaspoonful of salt; half a teaspoonful of pepper; a pinch of sage, and a little grated lennon-peel. Chop all as fine as possible, or put through a mineing machine. Heat, with half a cup of stock or cold soup, and add one egg well beaten; form into croquettes; roll in egg and bread crumbs, and fry in boiling lard.

RISSOLES OF CHICKEN.-Mince very finely some RISSOLES OF CHICKEN.—Mince very finely some remnants of chicken freed from skin, etc.; add an equal quantity of ham or tongue and a little chopped parsley. Heat m a sancepan with a good-sized piece of butter mixed with a large pinch of flour; add white pepper, salt and nutmeg to taste; moisten with a little stock or hot water; then stir in, off the fire, one or two yolks of eggs beaten up, with a squeeze of lemon, and lay the mixture on a plate to get cool. Make a paste with some flour, a little water, two eggs, a pluch of sait, and two or three of sugar; roll it out to the thickness of a penny piece, stamp it out in round pieces three inches in diameter; put a piece of the above minee on each, then fold it up, fasten the edges by moistening them with water, and trim them neatly with a fluted cutter. Dip each rissole in a beaten-up egg, and fry a nice color in hot lard; serve with fried parsley.

THE UNDERVALUATION OF SILKS.

The report of Supervising Special Agent Martin on the subject of the alleged undervaluation of silks by New-York importers, which appeared in yesterday's TRIBUNE, was the subject of general discussion in business circles yesterday. A TRIBUNE reporter called on several of the firms whose names were mentioned in the report. William E. Iselin, of Iselin, Neeser & Co., said: "I think the report is very sensational and exaggerated, I hardly care to go into details; else I could easily show you on what an unsubstantial basis the charges rest, I think the trouble arises principally from the present

think the trouble arises principally from the present tariff system. A specific tariff would obviate the difficulties which at present are constantly arising."

R. M. Oberteußer, of Oberteußer, Abegg & Deneker, said: "The charges are ridiculous and are made year after year. What is the good of our appraisers here if not to check the very evit complained of 1 Of course European manufactures will put the lowest valuation they can on the goods they consign to us, but there are experts here whose bosiness it is to correct any errors that may be made. It is constantly done, and we always cheerfully pay the increased duty demanded or cise ack for a reappraisement. Mr. Streuli, of Stapfer & Streuli, said that the charge of

Mr. Streuli, of Stapfer & Streuli, said that the charge of systematic undervaluation was utterly unfounded. Further than this be did not care to discuss the surject. Note of the firm of C. A. Aufworth & Co. cared to make any statement, as the senior partner is in Europe. Howard S. Jaffray, of E. S. Jaffray & Co., said that under the circumstances this firm did not think it proper to make any statement. The subject held been fully presented in the report, and they tacitly inderest the statements therein made.

As an illustration of the deficulties which the special agent says are to be energy with in prosecution. sieged vio-

laters of the customs laws, the celebrated Pings case was referred to yesterday in the United States District Attorney's office. In that case the importers were sued for about \$600,000 on alleged undervaluations of kid gloves imported to this country. Efforts were made to prove that the prices of the gloves at the places from which they were imported were much more than stated in the invoices. But after years of preparation, and a long trial, a verdict was rendered for the defendants.

SLEIGHING BEHIND FAST TROTTERS.

The sleighs flew merrily through the park and up the drive to McComb's Dam Bridge, yesterday. Family sleighs and cutters were out in force. The former were drawn by large horses with red plumes waving from their harness, and the latter by swift trotters, that drew them over the road like the wind. Things were lively at "Gabe" Case's and Barry's. William H. Vanderblit came speeding up the road behind Aldine. He stopped at Barry's, and then went on up the road. He had not been gone long when Frank Work drove up with Edward! They were both in single cutters, and attracted much at-They were both in single cutters, and attracted much attention. Among the others out on the road were John Murphy, driving Robert Bonner's Keen Jim; William H. Hamilton, behind a bay mare; Mr. Britton, of Brewster & Co., driving his sorrel horse Star, with a record of 226; Edward Stokes, benind Bell Flower; Mr. Acker, driving a roan mare; Newbold Morris, with a bay mare; Mr. Chapin, driving a bay gelding; William Turnbull, Mr. Harper and others. All the horses were in good condition, but the last fall of snow had not hardened enough to make the sleighing first-class, and some danger was added to the sport by persons who insisted on turning their sleighs short around in the midst of the rushing throng. Mr. Bonner and Mr. Rockefeller, who were looked for by those out on the road, did not make their appearance.

appearance.
The streets in the city were in good condition, as a rule The streets in the city were in good condition, as a rule, "We would have scraped Broadway to the pavements," said Colonel Rogers, Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning, to a Trabune reporter yesterday, "but the intense cold that set in just before midnight interfered with our work. However, we have got Broadway in good condition, and are now at work on the up-town streets of the city. The contractors have kept the streets leading to the ferries clear, and, on the whole, the snow has been pretty effectually dealt with. We shall continue the good work all night, with an extra force."

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE.

The Baltic arrived yesterday, bringing among her passengers Major Booth, R. C. M. Bowles, G. W. Carr, J. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collier, John G. Elliott, J. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collier, John G. Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Eccles, E. P. Freeman, C. C. Fitzgerald, J. R. V. Gilliart, C. S. Hunter, F. G. Hallett, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ingalls, Dr. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kerr, C. Wright Kirby, Northall Harnie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ruther, ford Mende, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Morewood, Mr. and rs. Mae villan, A. Mackle, D. O. Palmer, E. C. Prescott, Dim. bar Price, Emerson A. Rhodes, C. R. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Stalnsbury, E. H. Stroud, George Schoffeld, George Travis, D. A. Tod, C. P. Underbill, W. P. Willis, Afred von Weldon, H. G. Crump, H. W. Sawyer and R. R. Pealer.

THE MONEY MARKET.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE. DECEMBER 22, 1883.

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CLOSING PRICES OF PHILADELPHIA STOCKS. Reported by JOHN H. DAVIS & Co., 17 Wall et PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1883.

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The stock speculation to-day developed feverish-

SATURDAY, Dec. 22, p. m.

ness and uncertainty, with a general drift toward lower figures. The movements in Union Pacific, which were erratic and caused fluctuations—some of them sudden—of 15s per cent, exerted little or no influence in prices for the general list. The grangers, as represented by Northwestern and St. Paul, which were the only active stocks of the group, were particularly weak. Among the trunk line shares, while all were fractions lower, Michigan Central, in small transactions, declined 13s percent, and Eric declined 7s per cent. Among the Southwesterns Missouri Pacific and Wabash preferred stocks developed weakness. The dealings were small (850 shares) in Wabash preferred, but it declined from 32½ to 31½ 31½ 315, and Missouri Pacific was off from 93 to 92 20 20 Cregon and Transcontinental was firmal il the way out and closed with an advance of 7s per cent; pending the expected report upon the condition of the company there is a general disposition to trade in the stock only conservatively. But the Northern Pacific and Oregon Railroad and Navigation declined to 100 20 10002, and closed offered at 10004, and Northern Pacific preferred, after 543s, was barely steady at 10002, and closed offered at 10004, and Northern Pacific preferred, after 543s, was barely steady at the last twenty than the situation looks weak to them, but that the spectation to them, but that the situation looks weak to them, but that the situation looks weak to them, but that the situation looks weak to them, but that the situation looks that the strongle prefer to intrust themselves to the buff rather than to the bear side. In the lock of the crowd which is bufflug jaminary corn burst, the price to that the situation looks weak to them, but the situation looks to them, but the situation to the increase to 700 or 500 cars alay, and the premium prefer to intrust themselves to the buff rather than to the bear side. In the score of that. The looks which is bufflug jaminary corn by anythody, and in spite of that."

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Sout 70 corns, and to 70 corns, and to 70 corns, and to 70 corns an lower figures. The movements in Union Pacific. which were erratic and caused fluctuations-some

551s against 5514 yesterday. The transactions in Union Pacific amounted to 66,000 shares, against 106,700 shares yesterday, and its final price 763, after 7558@7714, was 12 higher than last evening's last figure. Pullman Palace Car stock, on transactions in 4,200 shares, declined from 120 to 1154@11658. The street rumor gave, as a cause for the decline, a pressure to sell, by parties who have suffered heavy losses through the decline in West Shore and Buffalo bonds and in North River Construction Company's stock, which to-day sold at 36@34@37@3412@36. The market closed

weak and unsettied. Government bonds were quiet and without feature; the bids for the 3s were again up to yesterday's sales. Annexed are the closing quotations:

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State bonds were dull, and the sales included only Tennessee 6s at 3734@38. Of city bank stocks, American Exchange sold at 130@128 and Phenix at 10638. The market for railway bonds generally was dull

and the prices were easier. West Shore and Buffalo 5s again were the leading feature in the market and with transactions at \$670,000 at 684@3012, scored a final advance of 4 per cent. Erie second consols sold at 93, a decline of 34 from the last previous rate. Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg incomes declined 11s to 30. Canada Southern first 5s were steady at 98 to 981s New-York, Chicago and St. Louis first 6's were 12 higher at

Chicago and St. Louis first 6's were ½ higher at \$1 0234. Richmond and Allegheny firsts declined to 61. East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia consol 5s were off ½ at 74, and the incomes were 1 per cent lower at 20. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy debentures 5s were up 1 per cent at 92. Northern Pacific firsts were ¼ higher at \$1 05½, and Oregon Short Line 6s were off ¼ at 9234.

The Sub-Treasury to-day lost on balance \$85,828, made up by a coin loss of \$127,559, less a currency gain of \$41,731. The day's transactions covered: Receipts \$952,026; payments \$1,038,454; currency balance, \$6,793,197; coin balance, \$110,647,506.

Money for a Saturday was harder than usual, and the rates for call loans valued at 2 and 2½ per cent and closed at the top figure.

The bank statement to-day more nearly reflects the condition of the reserves of a week age than it does the actual conditions at the close of business yesterday. The gain reported of \$3,060,800 in specie reflects the larger amount held at the beginning of the week over the amount reported as the average of the preceding week, rather than the movements of this week. Probably the present statement of averages overstates the actual amount of cash held at the end of the week to nearly the same amount as did the preceding statement understate the actual amount then held. The statement shows a surplus of \$6,894,750, against \$5,272,175, the surplus of a year ago.

The following are the comparative totals of the statements of December 15 and December 22:

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Total reserve. \$94,800,200 \$97,334,200 Inc. \$2,433.000 against deposits 79,639,625 30,130,450 Inc. 749,825 Surplus...... \$5,256,575 \$8,994,750 Inc. 1,608,175 surpus....... \$5,296,575 \$6,94,750 Inc. 1,603,175
The Clearing-House statement to-day was as follows: For the day—Exchanges, \$115,515,922; balances, \$5,338,118. For the week—Exchanges, \$796,482,599; balances, \$32,407,561.
The custome receipts reported at Washington to-day were \$420,608, and the internal revenue receipts \$403,589. The United States Treasury received \$301,000 National bank notes for redemption, and the receipts for the week were as follows:

1833. \$050,000 403,000 200,000 675,000 \$2,237,000 \$1,011,000

Total. \$1,914,000 \$2,237,000
The United States Trensary how holds \$148,658,600 United States bonds to scener National bank circulation; bonds deposited for circulation during the week, \$1,508,100. National bank circulation during the week, \$1,508,100. National bank circulation outstanding—Currency notes, \$348,685,600; gold notes, \$7,90,344.

In London British consols were steady at unchanged figures; 100 5-16 for money, and 100 7-16 for account. United States 4s were steady at 12634, but the 54s were off 5-16 at 11742. American railways followed after yesterday's corn markets, and so ruled from 4 to 1 per cent lower than yesterday. At Paris French 3 per cents rose to 75,90. Imports of merchandise in New-York:

For the week: 1881, 1882, 1883.

For the week: 1881, 1382, 1883, 1892, pry goods \$2,471,684 \$2,680,452 \$1,605,711 General merchandise, 4,041,542 5,370,000 8,438,815

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Total since Jan. 1., \$11,189,731 \$40,061,139 \$15, Imports of specie at New-York: 1881, 1882, 1863, 187 the week ... \$43,290 \$354,632 \$115,634 Previously reported. 55,758,303 7,642,519 20,922,329

Total since Jan. 1 . \$55,801,593 \$7,397,151 \$21,068,463 THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 22. Small dealings at the petroleum exchanges today were accompanied by an improvement in prices. The inspiration of the advance appeared to come from the

oil regions, and the temper of traders here cannot be said to have undergone any change. The close was strong, but below the best prices of the day. The range of prices and the total dealings were as

follows: ices, yesterday..... The clearances in the other markets were: Oil City, 6,476,000; Bradford, 4,038,000; Pittsburg, 4,616,000

barrels

The refined market holds firmly at 94 cents per gallon.
The favorable vote of the New-York Petroleum Exchange on the consolidation question, to-day, was reelived with natural clation by George R. Gibson, James
L. Anthony, Frank Kimbail and other ardent advocates.
The ultimate result promises to be one that will greatly
advance New-York as a factor in the petroleum speculation.

CHICAGO MARKETS FIRM.

INV TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.-It was to-day on 'Change as if Christmas came to-morrow, instead of on Tuesday. There was little trading, but a great deal of horse play. Everything to night shows a slight advance over yesterday, but everything at one time to day was a little under last night's figures. The listlessness which existed all day is well illustrated by the narrow difference which exists at this moment between the prices ruling in the alley and the figures which ruled twenty-four hours ago. The quotations for pork are precisely the same as yesterday; those for lard 242 cents higher, and for ribs 242 cents lower. Wheat is is cent better than last night and corr

14 23 cent better.

The feature of the day was the buoyancy of the market, despite the dulness. There was some pounding done in all the pits by traders who wanted to scalp the market to break prices to buy on. Every time a raid was made prices yielded a little; but the moment the pressure ceased prices rebounded, and that, too, be-fore the scalpers could make their purchases. The market eluded them. It is this buoyancy of wheat which makes "bulls" of those who were never before builtsh, with such stocks here and such supplies in sight. It is said that Rean and "Nat" Jones, who are both long on great lines of wheat, confess that the situation looks weak